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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: STARCH ESTER BLENDS WITH

LINEAR POLYESTERS

Group Art Unit: 1207

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir.

This is a response to the Office Action of May 25, 1995 (Paper No. 4). A request for a one-month extension of time is enclosed.

Please amend this application as follows and <u>charge</u> any additional fee to <u>Deposit Account No.</u> 14-0455.

## In the Specification:

On page 1, after "application serial no. 07/995,237, filed December 22, 1992" insert — which in turn is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 07/957,924 filed October 7, 1992 —.

## In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 39 and replace it with new Claim 75.

75. A composition obtained from a melt, said composition comprising an esterified starch and a linear polyester, wherein

the ester group of the esterified starch is selected from the group consisting of  $C_2$  to  $C_{22}$  esters and the degree of substitution of the esterified starch is from about 1.5 to about 2.9, and

the linear polyester has a weight average molecular weight of greater than 10,000 and is selected from the group consisting of linear polyesters (i) obtained from an aliphatic hydroxy-carboxylic acid